

## REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2006. Claims 1 to 20 are pending in the application, Claims 1 to 11 and 14 to 20 are rejected. Claims 12 and 13 are objected to. Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 21 has been added. No new matter has been added by the amendments and new claim. It is believed that no fee is due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 6, 11, 14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102b as being anticipated by JP 10-007121 to Minoru et al. ("*Minoru*"). Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Minoru*. Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Minoru* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,878,977 to Carlisle ("*Carlisle*"). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Minoru* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,578,740 to Hagihara ("*Hagihara*"). The Office Action further states that Claims 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled Claim 13 and have amended Claim 1 to include the limitation of Claim 13. Specifically, Claim 1 now includes, among other elements, a body including a bottom that exhibits a planar or roughly planar part. Also, Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form as new independent Claim 21. Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that the objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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